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(b) (6),

Thanks for your email on the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site.

First, there are laws and regulations in place now that would prevent the type of disposal that was done in 1965 – that was before the EPA was created.

It has been 6 years since the waste pits became a Superfund site, however, there has been progress.

For example, we have ensured short-term protectiveness by constructing the temporary cap over the pits in 2011 to stop the wastes from washing into the river, and to isolate the pits from folks who were fishing there.

Finding out where the contamination is, and developing a good cleanup plan, has taken up most of the time. Because of the complexity of this site, the EPA has decided that additional information is needed prior to our recommendation of a cleanup alternative. Once this is completed, the EPA will announce a proposed alternative that will be available for public comment. The EPA will also host a public meeting during the comment period to allow public participation in the remedy selection process. The announcement of the proposed alternative, public meeting, and comment period are expected next year, in 2015. The EPA will continue to communicate with the community on the progress.

For more information, a recent fact sheet about the site is attached; and here is a link with more detailed site information and reports:

http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/texas/san_jacinto/

Regards,

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Subject: Cleaning up Dioxin

Hello.

I appreciated a full-page illustration done by Nick Anderson in the Houston Chronicle about cleaning up a Super Fund site which is feeding Dioxin and other ugly chemicals into Galveston Bay. His last point was that not nearly enough is spent on preventing such outcomes that lead to illness. So our wish would be that the EPA pushes efforts to regulate and enforce so that such horrendous dumpings do not occur in the first place.

Regards,

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